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ACIDOTHERMUS CELLULOLYTICUS)

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2005, which rejected Claims 26-34, 43, 44, 63-68 and 73; objected to claims 69-72; and allowed Claims 10 and 11, Applicants respectfully submit herewith a reply.

A one month extension is requested, and the fee authorization therefor is submitted herewith.